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(C) Portugal currently contributes to ISAF two OMLTs (one deployed, another preparing to deploy), a medical unit for twelve months in Kabul, plus a commitment to contribute a C-130 for three months to support Afghan elections. Portuguese Prime Minister Socrates announced April 3 at the NATO Summit that Portugal would double its presence on the ground in Afghanistan, but neither he nor other GOP officials have been able to clarify specifically what this commitment means -- whether further OMLTs or a redeployment of the QRF company that Portugal withdrew from Afghanistan in August [2008](#). As GOP plans are refined, post will report septel. We do not expect further Portuguese contributions to be deployed until after Portugal's national elections in September/October.

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